

House Resolution 1026

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Brooks of the 63rd, Thomas of the 55th, Orrock of the 58th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Coretta Scott King; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation remains strong because the fires which forge her burn ever bright and
3 temper her people into steel of incredible strength and willpower; and

4 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for over 50 years, perhaps no woman of the past century
5 exemplifies and stands as a shining example of that strength more than Mrs. Coretta Scott
6 King; and

7 WHEREAS, she was the founding president and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther
8 King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, she shared her husband's steadfast commitment to seek peace and justice
10 through nonviolent action and played a leading role in advocating social change across the
11 nation and throughout the world during his lifetime and thereafter and continues to be a
12 prominent voice in maintaining the enduring legacy of her husband's dreams; and

13 WHEREAS, she has led good-will missions to a number of Latin American and African
14 nations and addressed two of history's most massive peace rallies in Bonn, Germany, and in
15 New York; and

16 WHEREAS, her untiring efforts were directly responsible for developing the Center for
17 Nonviolent Social Change and the Freedom Hall Complex into world renowned facilities
18 promoting Dr. King's philosophy through seminars, workshops, and training programs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1983, she led the mobilization efforts for the 20th anniversary march on
20 Washington, D.C., bringing together over 800 human rights organizations to form the
21 Coalition of Conscience; and

1 WHEREAS, she was elected chairperson of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday
2 Commission which was established by an Act of Congress to formalize plans for the first
3 legal holiday in honor of Dr. King; and

4 WHEREAS, her untiring efforts led to the formal federal establishment of the Martin Luther
5 King, Jr., Historic District and National Historic Site; and

6 WHEREAS, Women's History Month, March, 2005, is set aside to celebrate and honor those
7 women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and this
8 nation, and it is only fitting and proper that Mrs. Coretta Scott King be recognized on this
9 highly significant occasion.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body join to honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King and commend her
12 extraordinary dedication to protecting and improving the quality of life of her fellow citizens
13 and her lifetime of unsurpassed dedication to the principles of freedom and justice for all.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Coretta Scott King.